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FOR:            PRENATAL SCREENING

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING UTILITY APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).  
This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/226,766, filed January 6, 1999.
2. Priority to the above application is claimed under:  
 35 U.S.C. §120  
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Examiner: Deborah Crouch  
Art Unit: 1632

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS:**

3.  Specification Total Pages: 100  
Specification (84 pages); Claims (11 pages); Abstract (1 page); and  
Informal Drawings, 4 sheets, (FIGS. 1-4)
4.  Declarations ( 2pages)  
 Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
5.  Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449 filed for USSN 09/226,766  
on 4/8/99 (26 pages)
6.  Information Disclosure Statement and Accompanying Form PTO-1449 (2 pgs.)

7.  Incorporation by reference

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

8.  Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs.)

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith. Please enter the claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.

#### **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

9. **Fee Calculation:**

<b>CLAIMS AS FILED</b>					
<b>Claims</b>	<b>Number Filed</b>	<b>Basic Fee Allowance</b>	<b>Number Extra</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a) \$770.00</b>
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	86	- 20 =	66	\$18.00	\$1,188.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	14	- 3 =	11	\$86.00	\$946.00
Multiple Dependent Claims, if any (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d))	0			\$280.00	\$0.00
			SUBTOTAL:		\$2,904.00
			Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:		- \$1,452.00
				<b>TOTAL FEE:</b>	<b>\$1,452.00</b>

10.  A check in the amount of **\$1,452.00** is enclosed.

11.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21578-010CON.

12.  Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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